

<b>Title:</b>	Welland Canal/St. Lawrence Seaway Authority fonds, 1826-1880, 1905-1966		
<b>Creator:</b>	St. Lawrence Seaway Authority (and its predecessors)		
<b>Dates of Material:</b>	1826-1880, 1905-1966	<b>Record Group Number:</b>	RG 422
<b>Summary of Contents:</b>	<p>Records include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 books of leases for the second and third canals and feeder canals, 1905-1951</li> <li>• 2 books of indentures, the first labeled “Register A—1826-1852”, and the second labeled “Register B—1841-1880” (contains sketches).</li> <li>• 1 journal of deeds, contracts, leases, awards, bonds, mortgages and letters in Welland Canal Office, 1826-1860.</li> <li>• 1 book of survey of lands appropriated to the use of the Welland Canal Company, 1826-1837 (contains sketches). <i>This book has been digitized and is available through the “View selected material from this archive” link in the catalogue record.</i></li> <li>• 3 Welland Canal books, 1826-1860s. These books contain survey maps and records concerning the construction and route of the First and Second Welland Canals. Book I includes the Hydraulic Race (1<sup>st</sup> 4 pages) as well as Port Dalhousie to Lock 5. Book II includes Lock 5 to Port Robinson. Book III includes Port Robinson to Port Colborne. Copies of the originals are also available [6-6-4]. <i>These books have been digitized and are available through the “View selected material from this archive” link in the catalogue record.</i></li> <li>• 1 book of the Second Welland Canal: Channel Improvements, Filling and Grading for Thorold, Merritton, and St. Catharines, by R.K. Kilborn &amp; Associates Ltd., 1959. Contains 25 drawings including Locks 4 to 13 and Locks 17 to 21. [6-6-4]</li> <li>• 1 book of the Second Welland Canal: Concrete Conduits &amp; Misc. Grading—Towns of Thorold and Merritton, by R.K. Kilborn &amp; Associates Ltd., 1958-1959. Contains 19 drawings including Locks 13, 17, 18, 22, and 25. [6-6-4]</li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 book of sketches of the Welland Canal—Operations and Maintenance, 1953, 1966, undated. Contains 37 sketches, including Port Weller Harbour, Lots in Concessions 1-10, City of St. Catharines, Lots in the Township of Thorold and the Town of Thorold, Lots in the Township of Stamford, the Welland River, the Township of Crowland, the City of Welland, Township of Humberstone, the City of Port Colborne, Port Colborne Harbour, and the intake for the City of St. Catharines.</li> <li>• Plans of the Welland Canal (loose pages), 1837-1845, 1872, 1882, 1908, 1950. A total of 27 photocopied plans. The originals are in Library and Archives Canada.</li> <li>• Plans and descriptions of parcels of land pertaining to sections of the Welland Canal in Thorold, Merritton and St. Catharines, 1826-1861, 1906, 1925-1953, undated.</li> </ul>
<b>Physical Description / Condition:</b>	<p>The 3 books of leases are in fair condition and measure 22 x 34 cm. One book is missing the cover.</p> <p>The 2 books of indentures and 1 survey of lands volume are in good condition and measure 39.5 x 26 cm.</p> <p>The journal of deeds (1826-1860) is in fair condition and measures 39 x 26 cm.</p> <p>The survey of lands (1826-1837) is in good condition and measures 45 x 29 cm.</p> <p>The 3 Welland Canal books are in fair condition and measure 46 x 72 cm.</p> <p>The 2 books of the Second Welland Canal (1958-1959) are in fair condition and measure 64 x 97 cm.</p> <p>The book of sketches of the Welland Canal—Operations and Maintenance, (1953, 1966, undated) is in good condition and measures 33 x 55 cm.</p> <p>The Plans of the Welland Canal (loose pages) are in good condition and measure 45 x 59 cm.</p>

<b>Other Notes:</b>	<p>The Welland Canal Company was formed in 1824 by William Hamilton Merritt. Construction of the first Welland Canal began in 1829 and was completed in 1834. The canal ran south from Port Dalhousie along Twelve Mile Creek to St. Catharines. An extension was built in 1833 to Gravelly Bay, now Port Colborne. As ships became larger and the wooden locks deteriorated, the need for a new canal became apparent. In 1839, the government purchased the Welland Canal Company's assets and began making plans for the construction of a second canal. Construction began in 1841 and was completed by 1845. In 1887, a third Welland Canal was completed, which operated until 1932, when a fourth canal was completed. This canal remains in operation today.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Source: Thorold Tourism: The Welland Canal  <a href="http://www.thoroldtourism.ca/canal.html">http://www.thoroldtourism.ca/canal.html</a>  retrieved 5/09/2012</p>		
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